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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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For: DEINKING AGENT

Enclosed are:

$\boxtimes$	A specification consisting of Thirty-five (35) pages	
	( ) sheet(s) of formal drawings	

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

	Applicant does not claim priority
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-252658 filed in JAPAN on August 30, 2002.  Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  Certified copy(ies) will follow.
$\boxtimes$	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
$\boxtimes$	Preliminary Amendment
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
	Other:
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$1,030.00	\$0.00

The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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